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TAGS: PFOR, CT

SUBJECT: LETTER TO BOKASSA RE ASTRONAUT VISIT

1. HAVE JUST RECEIVED, IN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT BOKASSA CARE OF BILL SIEFKEN IN DEPARTMENT, COPY OF LETTER TO BOKASSA FROM BERT KLINEBURGER DATED MAY 4 NOTING ARRIVAL OF ASTRONAUT PARTY AND INVITING BOKASSA TO U. S. TO TOUR SPACE FACILITIES AND TO HUNT. LETTER SAYS " THE ASTRONAUTS WOULD LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO COME TO THE U. S. AND TOUR THE SPACE FACILITIES AT HOUSTON AND CAPE KENNEDY AND WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO HUNT ALASKA OR SOME OTHER PARTS OF THE U. S." LETTER ALSO SAYS ASTRONAUTS WILL BE INVITING BOKASSA SEPARATELY. LETTER IS ON PEOPLE- TO- PEOPLE SPORTS COMMITTEE STATIONERS SHOWING KLINEBURGER AS CHAIRMAN OF HUNTING AND CONSERVATION COMMITTEE BUT SIGNED BY HIM AS PRESIDENT OF HIS SEATTLE FIRM. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CALLING KLINEBURGER TO FIND OUT IF ORIGINAL LETTER ALREADY SENT VIA INTERNATIONAL MAIL AND TO DISCUSS WITH HIM THIS INVITATION, INCLUDING HOW AUTHORITATIVE IT IS, EXACTLY WHO IT COMES FROM, AND WHAT DETAILS OF IT ARE. WOULD ALSO LIKE TO KNOW WHAT IF ANYTHING ASTRONAUTS HAVE SENT, PARTICULARLY AS FAR AS INVITATION IS CONCERNED. ( I WAS UNDER IMPRESSION INVITATION WOULD COME PERSONALLY FROM ASTRONAUTS WHILE HERE.)

3. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE YOUR ASKING HIM WHETHER ASTRONAUTS FILMS ARE 16 OR 35 MM, HOW LONG THEY ARE, AND IF WE CAN GET ADVANCE TRANSCRIPTS FOR TRANSLATION. WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR ANY  
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OTHER ANSWERS YOU CAN OBTAIN TO MY QUESTIONS IN LETTER TO HIM  
MAY 2.

4. PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST.  
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